

Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Examiner

Vip Patel

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to _____.2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5,7,8,14-16 and 18.3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).a) All b) Some* c) None of the:1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.**Attachment(s)**1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)5. Notice of Informal Patent Application2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 07/077. Examiner's Amendment/Comment4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance9. Other _____.

Reasons For Allowance

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 14-16, and 18 are allowed. Foregoing claims are allowable since the prior art of record does not teach the claimed gas discharge panel substrate assembly comprising dielectric SiO₂ film having bonds of hydrogen with silicon as a residual in the film of a thickness in a range of 5 to 15 μm in combination with other features of the claim. Dependent claims are allowable since they depend on allowed independent claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vip Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-2458. The examiner can normally be reached on 5.30am- 2pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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